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MODERN WASHING MACHINES
HAVE LABOR-SAVING DEVICES

A motor-driven pump for emptying the tub of used water, and a centrifugal drier or extractor are two of the best labor-saving devices now available on modern washing machines, says _____ (Name), _____ (Title), _____ (Institution). When a housewife is looking into the different types of washing machines with a view to selecting a practical model for her own use, she may find that although either or both these devices add something to the cost of the machine, they may be well worth the price in convenience. The spinner-drier is safer to use than a power wringer.

A study by the Bureau of Home Economics showed that a power-driven washing machine was bought before other large pieces of electric household equipment by farm families in all parts of the country except in the South. Of the native white, nonrelief families that had electric current available, one-half to three-fourths owned motor-driven washing-machines. Gasoline as well as electric motors were used. The motor-driven pump is usually operated by a lever or a push button and permits draining the tub into a set tub or sink by hanging a hose over the edge. In machines which also have an extracting tub this pump may be used to deliver the soapy water from the extractor to the washing compartment.

Centrifugal or spinner driers have outlet holes in a rotating cylinder. Water is whirled out of the holes until the clothes are "damp dry." This method removes more water than does the power wringer, and saves time. However,

if a washing machine has other desirable features and has a power wringer, it may be satisfactory if it has a safety device that prevents the fingers from being caught in the rollers. And there should always be a safety catch within easy reach for instantly releasing pressure.

Other points to investigate, when looking over washing machines, are durability of structure, capacity, cost, and quiet operation. The three principles of operation generally shown are the cylinder type, the agitator type, and the vacuum-cup type. The selection of one type or another is a matter of personal preference. Whichever type is chosen, it pays to follow the manufacturer's directions for operation and care, says _____ (Name).

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